GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Financial Assistance to IOA & SOA
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides any financial assistance to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) including the State Olympic Association (SOA) and if so, the details of the funds provided during the last three years and the current year;
(b) the details of utilization of the funds by the IOA under various heads during the said period; and
(c) the steps being taken by the Government to prioritize sports, particularly Olympic sporting events through enhanced funding in the 12th Plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) & (b): The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports provides grants to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for expenditure incurred on air passage, accommodation, ceremonial kit, playing kit, etc. towards participation of the Indian contingent in International multi-sports events such as Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games etc. The Ministry does not provide funds directly to State Olympic Associations. Details of funds provided by the Ministry to IOA during the last three years and the current years are as following:
Financial Year Grant released
(amount in Rupees)
<pre>2012-13 2,28,48,524.00
2013-14 Nil
2014-15 16,93,44,359.00
2015-16 (till 24-02-2016) 89,19,986.00</pre>
While releasing the grants, it is clearly mentioned to IOA that grants are to be utilized for the purpose for which they are being sanctioned and in accordance with the provisions of the General Financial Rules and other extant instructions of the Government. 2nd installment of grant is released only after submission of audited statement of Accounts, certified by a chartered accountant and utilization certificates.
(c): The Ministry reviewed the categorization of sports disciplines on 23rd March 2015. A new category of 'high priority' has been created while retaining earlier three categories viz. 'priority', 'general' and 'others'. In the 'high priority' category, the sports disciplines played in the Olympic Games and in which India have won medals in the last conducted Asian Games and Commonwealth Games or in which India has good chance of winning medals in Olympics have been included. At present, nine (9) sports disciplines viz., athletics, archery, badminton, boxing, hockey, shooting, tennis, weightlifting and wrestling have been included. Focused attention and enhanced funding is provided to 'high category' disciplines.
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